

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-16 were pending at the time the Office Action was issued.

Claims 1, 9, 12, and 13 have been amended.

Claims 7 and 15 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1-6, 8-14, and 16 remain pending.

1. **(Currently amended)** A method, ~~of allowing users of a computer implemented application program running on a data processing system to manage add-ons associated with the application program,~~ comprising:

(a) generating a user interface that identifies add-ons associated with an application program ~~and responds to user input for managing the enable/disable state of said add-ons,~~

the user interface comprising a plurality of lists of add-ons, a status of each listed add-on, a disable add-on function, and an enable add-on function,

the plurality of lists of add-ons comprising a list of add-ons that have been used by the application program, a list of add-ons that are currently used by the application program, and a list of add-ons that are currently blocked by the application program,

~~the add-ons comprising small software programs pluggable into the application program for adding functionality to the application program,~~

wherein the user interface identifies add-ons by displaying a name of the add-on, a publisher of the add-on, a status of the add-on, a type of add-on, and a time when the add-on was last accessed; and

(b) in response to user input, managing the enable/disable state of said add-ons by:

(i) determining if the user has selected a list of add-ons from the plurality of lists of add-ons:

(ii) if the user has selected a list of add-ons, displaying the selected list of add-ons;

(iii) determining if the user has selected a particular add-on from the displayed list of add-ons;

(iv) if the user has selected a particular add-on from the displayed list of add-ons, determining if the user has chosen to disable or enable the particular add-on by activating the disable add-on or enable add-on function of the user interface;

(v) if the user has chosen to disable the particular add-on by activating the disable add-on function of the user interface, disabling the add-on; and

(vi) if the user has chosen to enable the add-on by activating the enable add-on function of the user interface, enabling the add-on.

2. **(Original)** The method of Claim 1, wherein said add-ons are chosen from the group comprising ActiveX[®] controls, browser helper objects, and toolbar extensions.

3. **(Original)** The method of Claim 1, wherein said add-ons include ActiveX[®] controls, and wherein the method further comprises updating said ActiveX[®] controls, in response to user input.

4. **(Original)** The method of Claim 1, wherein at least some of said add-ons are included in an explicit list of administrator-denied add-ons, and wherein the method further comprises prohibiting the enablement of said administrator-denied add-ons in response to user input.

5. **(Original)** The method of Claim 1, wherein at least some of said add-ons are included in an explicit list of administrator-approved add-ons, and wherein the method further comprises allowing the disablement of said administrator-approved add-ons in response to user input.

6. **(Original)** The method of Claim 1, wherein an administrator of the application program has the capacity to disable a user's ability to manage the add-ons.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said user interface includes at least one list of add-ons chosen from the group of lists comprising add-ons that have been used by the application program, add-ons currently loaded for use with the application program, and add-ons currently blocked for use with the application program.

9. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium ~~containing comprising~~ computer-executable instructions that, when executed by a processor perform a method comprising ~~in a data processing device,~~ allow the users of an application program to manage add-ons associated with the application program, the managing add-ons comprising generating a user interface that identifies add-ons associated with the application program and responding to user input for managing the enable/disable state of said add-ons, the computer-executable instructions including instructions that, when executed, cause said data processing device to:

(a) ~~generating generate~~ a user interface, the user interface configured to identify that identifies add-ons associated with [the] an application program and ~~responds to user input for managing the~~

~~enable/disable state of said add-ons,~~

the user interface comprising a plurality of lists of add-ons, a status of each listed add-on, a disable add-on function, and an enable add-on function,

the plurality of lists of add-ons comprising a list of add-ons that have been used by the application program, a list of add-ons that are currently used by the application program, and a list of add-ons that are currently blocked by the application program,

wherein the user interface is configured to identify add-ons by displaying a name of the add-on, a publisher of the add-on, a status of the add-on, a type of add-on, and a time when the add-on was last accessed; and

(b) in response to a user input, manages the enable/disable state of said add-ons by:

(i) determining if the user has selected a list of add-ons from the plurality of lists of add-ons;

(ii) if the user has selected a list of add-ons, displaying the selected list of add-ons;

(iii) determining if the user has selected a particular add-on from the displayed list of add-ons;

(iv) if the user has selected a particular add-on from the displayed list of add-ons, determining if the user has chosen to disable or enable the particular add-on by activating the disable add-on or enable add-on

function of the user interface;

(v) if the user has chosen to disable the particular add-on lay activating the disable add-on function of the user interface, disabling the add-on; and

(vi) if the user has chosen to enable the add-on by activating the enable add-on function of the user interface, enabling the add-on.

10. **(Previously presented)** The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 9, wherein said add-ons are chosen from the group comprising ActiveX® controls, browser helper objects, and toolbar extensions.

11. **(Previously presented)** The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 9, wherein said add-ons include ActiveX controls, and wherein the method further comprises updating said ActiveX controls, in response to user input.

12. **(Currently Amended)** The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 9, wherein at least some of said add-ons are included in ~~an explicit~~ a list of administrator-denied add-ons, and wherein the method further comprises prohibiting the enablement of said administrator-denied add-ons in response to user input.

13. **(Currently Amended)** The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 9, wherein at least some of said add-ons are included in ~~an explicit~~ a list of administrator-approved add-ons, and wherein the method further comprises allowing the disablement of said administrator-approved add-ons in response to user input.

14. **(Previously presented)** The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 9, wherein an administrator of the application program has the capacity to disable a user's ability to manage the add-ons.

15. **(Cancelled)**

16. **(Previously presented)** The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 9, wherein said user interface includes at least one list of add-ons chosen from the group of lists comprising add-ons that have been used by the application program, add-ons currently loaded for use with the application program, and add-ons currently blocked for use with the application program.